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IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
ST LUCIA, 27th April, 1893.

His Honour
V. SKIPTON GOULDSBURY, Esquire, M.D, C.M.G.,
Administrator of the Government.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit the fifteenth annual report of the Immigration Department of the Colony, being for the year 1892.

2. The subjoined table shows the indentured Indian population of the Colony on the 31st of December, 1892:—

	Adults.		Minors.		Infants.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Alive 31st Dec., 1891	308	124	7	7	98	544
Born in 1892	...	...	...	...	25	25
					123	569
Died in 1892	5	3	...	...	8	16
	303	121	7	7	115	553
Sent to India in 1892	1	...	...	...	...	1
Alive 31st December 1892	302	121	7	7	115	552

3. The birth-rate for the year was thus 4·6 per cent., and the death-rate 2·8 per cent. These rates were respectively much higher and much lower than the average of past years of preceding lots. But the mortality among the infants was still too high.

4. The total number of immigrants alive was only two short of the number landed twenty-one months before. This speaks well for the health of the Colony, and augurs favourably for the succeeding years. This very satisfactory result is no doubt in some measure due to the provision of the new Ordinance that the immigrants shall be visited twice a month on their estates by the medical officers, in place of once a month as formerly.

5. The new Ordinance contained another provision from which much good was expected. The provision aimed at stamping out Yaws from among the Indian immigrants. Yaws is a tractable and curable disease, and ripens slowly; and when mature, as a strawberry-like tubercle, is easily recognised, and, speaking generally, everybody knows it. The legal provision is

in the form of a caution with a penalty. The intention of the enactment was to compel all managers to be on the look-out for the disease and to use promptness in sending every Indian suffering from it to the hospital provided for Yaws patients. Test cases were put before the Courts, but convictions were not secured, although it appeared to me, the prosecutor, that the authorities of the estates on which the cases were found, who were in daily contact with the Indians, were guilty of negligence in not seeing what presented itself to me at casual visits to the estates.

6. Early in the year a foul murder was committed on an Indian of ten years' residence. Suspicion fell on two men of the latest importation. But the evidence fell short of the demonstration that the law requires to convict for murder, and the prisoners were acquitted.

7. Another sad occurrence gives painful interest to this report. A husband would not allow his wife to show preference to another man. The thwarted wife showed her resentment by hanging herself. All concerned in this tragedy also belonged to the lot landed from the *Roumania* in 1891.

8. I mentioned last year that a beginning had been made of an Indian settlement, near the north end of the Island in the neighbourhood of Castries, the principal town of the Colony. The Government has set apart a considerable number of acres of crown lands for the exclusive use of the East Indians. The price of the land is small, only £1 an acre, and payments are made by five instalments at intervals of a year. The desire of the Government is to establish five acre peasant proprietors; but purchasers may have as much as ten acres. Indians in the opposite (southern) end of the island have petitioned that lands in their quarter may be devoted to the formation of a second Indian settlement. I have much pleasure in reporting that I have seen and eaten of the first fruits of what may become profitable minor industries, namely, excellent rice, English potatoes, and onions.

9. In my previous report I published some items of Indian life apart from their productions as money making machines. Referring again to their maintaining intercourse with "home," 194 letters were despatched and 167 received; quite four-fifths of these belonging to the lot *ex Roumania*. Twenty-one letters gave notice to relatives in India of the transmission through the Treasury of sums of money varying from 16*s*. to £8. The total amount sent was £51 18*s*. 5*d*., averaging £2 9*s*. 5*d*. each. During the year there were also transmitted to be paid to the next of kin in India, sums of money amounting to £71 12*s*. 7*d*., left by eight immigrants who died without relative or heir in the Colony.

10. The ship *Jumna* on 24th August took away to India, viâ Jamaica, 137 souls, equal to 123 statute adults. The bulk of these were immigrants introduced by the *Bann* in 1881, and two were passengers paying for themselves. These return immigrants carried away £2,131 10*s*. 3*d*., transmitted through the Treasury, and £7 handed to the Surgeon Superintendent of the ship. Probably more money was handed to the Medical Officer after embarkation. The largest single deposit was £170, another reached £143, and two others exceeded £100 each. Those of the *Bann* lot, detained for a year through the inability of the authorities to procure a ship in 1891, received, on embarkation, a consolation bounty of two pounds each.

11. The tables of Work and Wages have been prepared in the usual manner. If an immigrant fails to make 50 tasks or days' work in a year, he is left out of the reckoning. The tale of tasks for a healthy and honest man is estimated at 280 for the year. And it is satisfactory when an estate shows its average rising to 261, 246, or even 234 days or tasks. Individuals occasionally exceed the 280, and column 10 shows that this occurred in 5 out of the 12 estates.

12. The immigrants on Crown Lands worked by jobs, and it was promised that this method would show far better results than tasks or days' work. But the system, tested through a complete year, shows quite the reverse. Columns 4, 5, 7 and 8, which exhibit the real tests, prove that the job system is not only at the bottom of the list, but is considerably lower than the lowest of the others. And this comparison does not turn on the difference of the healthiness of the estates; for Roseau in the immediate neighbourhood and parallel to it, is a malarious bottom-lands estate, like Crown Lands itself. Yet its task system shows better results. The days for Crown Lands are obtained by converting the money earned into the time equivalent, that is, a day is put for every shilling in the case of the men, and for every 10*d.* in the case of the women. On this estate one very healthy man received £32 16*s.* 9*d.*, equivalent to 656½ days. As these figures could not be crowded into an English year, they have a separate record in this paragraph. The man worked neither by task nor job, but was a driver or secondary overseer.

13. I supplement the money tables by exhibiting the earnings of the minors and some children. Other children worked, but too fitfully for record. The minors earned from 6*d.* to 1*s.* a day or task, competing occasionally with the adults.

14. The quantity of sugar exported during the year was considerably more than in 1891. It was 5,746 tons against 3,538, and yielded a revenue for the Immigration Fund of £2,145.

The usual tables follow.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,

R. P. CROPPER,

Protector of Immigrants.

A.

RETURN showing the Work and Wages of Indentured Indian Immigrants on twelve estates during the year ended 31st December, 1892.

MEN.

ESTATES.	No. of men.	Total days.	Average days of each.	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings.	Average Earnings of each.	Ditto per week.	Ditto per day.	Highest No. of days of one.	Highest Earnings of one.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Black Bay	6	1298 11/12	216	4·15	64 18 11	10 16 5 3/4	4 2	1 0	231 3/12	11 11 2
Crown Lands	88	11058	125	2·4	552 18 0	6 5 8	2 5	1 0	256 9/12	12 16 9
Hope	18	3712 8/12	206	3·96	191 19 5	10 13 3 1/2	4 1	1 0 1/2	252 8/12	13 10 10
La Caye	38	7398 6/12	194	3·73	389 11 1	10 5 0 1/2	3 11 1/2	1 0 1/2	283	17 13 6
Mont d'Or	14	2012 10/12	143	2·75	101 4 9	7 4 7 1/2	2 9 1/2	1 0	227	11 7 0
Pelute	12	2810 10/12	234	4·5	142 18 3	11 18 2 1/2	4 7	1 0	282 8/12	14 13 9
Peru	15	2629	175	3·36	131 17 6	8 15 10	3 4 1/2	1 0	236 8/12	11 17 3
Pointe Sable	6	1566 6/12	261	5·02	78 10 8	13 1 8 1/2	5 0 1/2	1 0	292	14 18 0
Ressource	28	4761 8/12	170	3·77	245 10 8	8 15 4 1/2	3 10 5/12	1 0 1/2	243 1/12	13 7 8
Retraite	17	4194 6/12	246	4·73	210 3 11	12 7 3 1/2	4 9	1 0	291 6/12	14 11 6
Richefond	28	5758 1/12	205	4·	303 18 0	10 10 6	4 0 1/2	1 0 1/2	327	16 18 1
Roseau	30	4623 5/12	154	3·	242 0 3	8 1 4	3 1	1 0 1/2	261 8/12	13 3 3

Highest No. of days of one 327. Highest Earnings of one £17 13 6.

° The figures for Ressource are for 45 weeks only. The records of 7 weeks are missing.

B.

RETURN showing the Work and Wages of Indentured Indian Immigrants on twelve estates during the year ended 31st December, 1892.

WOMEN

ESTATES.	No. of women.	Total days.	Average days of each.	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings.	Average Earnings of each.	Ditto per week.	Ditto per day.	Highest No. of days of one.	Highest Earnings of one.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Black Bay	2	459	229	4·4	19 2 6	9 11 3	3 8	10	$235\frac{5}{16}$	9 16 3
Crown Lands	35	$3911\frac{6}{16}$	112	2·15	162 19 8	4 13 $1\frac{1}{2}$	1 $9\frac{1}{2}$	10	$192\frac{3}{16}$	8 0 3
Hope	7	$1076\frac{8}{16}$	153	2·94	44 17 4	6 8 $2\frac{1}{4}$	2 $5\frac{1}{2}$	10	212	8 17 6
La Caye	17	$3610\frac{8}{16}$	212	4·08	152 16 0	8 19 9	3 $5\frac{1}{2}$	10	$263\frac{8}{16}$	11 0 11
Mont d'Or	4	$575\frac{7}{16}$	143	2·75	28 5 2	7 1 $3\frac{1}{2}$	2 $8\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{3}{4}$	169	7 1 10
Pelute	4	$690\frac{8}{16}$	172	3·3	28 15 8	7 3 11	2 9	10	$256\frac{8}{16}$	10 13 9
Peru	3	$414\frac{2}{16}$	138	2·65	20 7 5	6 15 $9\frac{1}{2}$	2 $7\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{3}{4}$	$192\frac{9}{16}$	9 10 3
Pointe Sable	2	291	145	2·79	12 2 6	6 1 3	2 4	10	164	6 16 8
Ressource*	10	$1091\frac{9}{16}$	109	2·42	46 19 10	4 13 $11\frac{3}{4}$	2 1	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$192\frac{7}{16}$	8 14 0
Retraite	6	$1189\frac{1}{2}$	198	3·8	49 11 0	8 5 2	3 2	10	$271\frac{5}{16}$	11 6 3
Richefond	8	$1314\frac{5}{16}$	164	3·15	56 19 5	7 2 5	2 9	$10\frac{1}{4}$	$266\frac{1}{16}$	11 11 3
Roseau	10	$1220\frac{3}{16}$	122	2·34	60 16 0	6 1 7	2 4	$11\frac{3}{4}$	$181\frac{5}{16}$	9 1 4

Highest No. of days of one $271\frac{5}{16}$ Highest Earnings of one £11 11 3.

The figures for Ressource are for 45 weeks only. The records of 7 weeks are missing.

C.

EARNINGS of Minors and Children, 1892.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Crown Lands	2 Minors (male)	9 7 7	
	2 „ (female)	8 10 3	
	2 Children (under 10) ...	5 11 10	
			23 9 8
Hope	1 Minor (male)	5 2 6	
	1 „ (female)	6 4 1	
			11 6 7
La Caye	1 Minor (female)		9 0 3
Mont d'Or	1 „ „		7 19 8
Retraite	1 „ (male)	6 14 11	
	1 „ (female)	5 0 11	
			11 15 10
Roseau	1 Minor (male)	2 3 6	
	1 „ (female)	1 5 7	
			3 9 1
	14	Total ...	£67 1 1
		Average ...	£4 15 9½

D.

RETURN showing the number of Births among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1892.

Births.	Indian Population.	Rate per 1000.
25	544	45·95

E.

RETURN showing the number of Deaths among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1892.

Date.	Deaths.					Indian Population.	Rate per 1000.	Cause of death.	Place of Death.	Place of Indenture.
	Adult.		Minor.	Infant	Total.					
	M.	F.								
1892										
Jany. 24				1	1			Convulsions	Victoria Hosp.	Roseau
„ 27				1	1			Premature Birth	Crown Lands	Crown Lands
Feby. 4		1			1			Anæmia	„	„
„ 12	1				1			Congest. Lungs	Dennery Hosp.	La Caye
„ 19				1	1			Debility	Vieux Fort Hos.	Pelute
March 6		1			1			Anæmia	Victoria Hosp.	Crown Lands
„ 18				1	1			Debility	Pelute	Pelute
„ 30	1				1			Consumption.	Dennery Hosp.	La Caye
April 1				1	1			Debility	„	Richefond
„ 26				1	1			Debility	Crown Lands	Crown Lands
May 25	1				1			Anæmia	Dennery Hosp.	Ressource
July 19	1				1			Heat Apoplexy	Victoria Hosp.	Crown Lands
August 21		1			1			Suicide	Richefond	Richefond
„ 30	1				1			Pneumonia	Victoria Hosp.	Mont d'Or
Sept 12				1	1			Worms	„	Peru
„ 12				1	1			Worms	„	„
	5	3	...	8	16	569	28·12			

F.

ANALYSIS of Causes and Localities of Deaths.

	DISEASES.	Districts.			Total.
		1	3	4	
1	Anæmia	2	...	1	3
2	Apoplexy (Heat)	1	...	...	1
3	Congestion of Lungs	...	...	1	1
4	Consumption	...	...	1	1
5	Convulsions	1	...	...	1
6	Debility	1	2	1	4
7	Pneumonia	1	...	...	1
8	Premature Birth	1	...	...	1
9	Suicide	...	...	1	1
10	Worms	2	...	...	2
		9	2	5	16

G.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

Indentured Indian Immigrants treated in Hospital during the half-year ended 30th June, 1892, and the half-year ended 31st December, 1892.

DISEASES TREATED.	Half-Year ended June 30, '92.				Half Year ended Dec. 31, '92.			
	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.
Abscess	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Anæmia and Splenitis	27	...	3	3	31	...	...	12
Disease of Bones and Joints ...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Chest	17	...	...	1	13	...	1	2
„ „ Digestive Organs ...	22	...	...	...	13	...	2	1
„ „ Eyes and Ears	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
„ „ Genito Urinary Organs ...	3	...	...	1	3	...	...	...
„ „ Nervous system	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	...
Skin	42	...	...	8	36	...	...	1
Fever	152	...	...	2	126	...	...	3
Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Ulcers	12	...	...	3	10	...	...	...
Wounds	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	56	...	...	...	55	...	...	...
Malingering	21	...	...	...	31	...	...	...

C. DENNEHY,
Colonial Surgeon.

H.

DISEASES treated of Indentured Immigrants residing on the several estates of the Vieuxfort District, for the year ended December, 1892.

DISEASES.	No. of Cases.	Discharged.		Deaths.	Under treatment.
		Cured.	Uncured.		
Fever	227	219	...	...	8
Respiratory Organs	39	38	...	...	1
Visual	1	1	...	...	...
Digestive	19	19	...	...	...
Genito Urinary	1	1	...	...	...
Glandular	1	1	...	...	...
Dental	1	1	...	...	...
Ear, Auditory	1	1	...	...	...
Rheumatism	21	21	...	...	...
Abscess	4	4	...	...	...
Skin	28	28	...	...	...
Ulcers	13	13	...	...	...
Puerperal	1	1	...	...	...
Wounds	5	4	...	...	1
Anæmia	1	1	...	...	...
Worms	3	2	...	...	1
Scorpion bites	2	2	...	...	...
Total	390	377	...	...	12

J. A. LESTRADE,
Col. Asst. Surgeon.

K.

REPORT showing the Diseases treated amongst Indentured Immigrants at Dennery Hospital, during the year 1892.

DISEASES.	January—June.				July—December.			
	Discharged.		Died.	Under treatment on the 1st. July.	Discharged.		Died.	Under treatment on the 1st Jan., 1893.
	Cured.	Relieved.			Cured.	Relieved.		
Anæmia and Debility	...	1	1	...	2	1	1	1
Abscess	5	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
Diseases of the Digestive Organs ...	8	...	...	1	12	...	...	...
„ „ „ Ears and Eyes ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
„ „ „ Genito-Urinary Organs	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
„ „ „ Circulatory Organs ...	10	1	2	...	5	1	...	...
„ „ „ Spleen	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
„ „ „ Skin	22	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
Fevers	91	...	...	1	45	...	...	3
Rheumatism	7	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Ulcers	9	...	...	2	9	...	...	1
Wounds and Contusions	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Accouchements	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	14	...	...	1	13	...	...	1
Serpent Bite	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total. ...	170	2	3	5	109	2	1	6

V. E. TABONE, *Col. Asst. Surgeon.*

L.

RETURN showing the number of complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Employers against Indentured Immigrants during the year 1892

District.	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaint.	Non-Conviction.	Conviction.	Punishment.	Result.
I	11	Desertion	6	5	2 £1 or 7 days with H. L. 1 £1 or 14 days „ „ 1 £3 or 1 month „ „ 1 £2 or 1 „ „ „	Imprisnd. Paid Imprisnd. Imprisnd.
	11	Absence without leave	3	8	2 5/- and costs or 3 days with H. L. 3 2/6 „ or 1 day „ „ 1 10/- „ or 3 days „ „ 2 5/- „ or 4 „ „ „	Paid Imprisnd. Imprisnd. Paid
	25	Absence from work	5	20	6 8/- and costs or 8 „ „ „ 1 8/- „ or 7 „ „ „ 8 10/- „ or 7 „ „ „ 1 £1 and costs or 14 „ „ „ 4 £1 „ or 7 „ „ „	Paid Paid 2 Paid 6 Imprsd Imprisnd. 2 Paid 2 Imprsd.
	1	Assault and beat	1			
	48		15	33		
III	2	Absence without leave	2	...		
	3	Absence from work	1	2	1 £1 and costs 1 10/- and costs	Paid „
	3	Refusing to finish work	3	...		
	3	Assault	...	3	Each £1 and costs	Paid
	11		6	5		
Total ..	59		21	38		

M.

RETURN showing the number of complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Indentured Immigrants against Employers during the year 1892.

District.	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaint.	Non-Conviction.	Conviction.	Punishment.	Result.
I	2	Assault	2			
	4	Assault and beat	2	2 { 1 / 1	£1 and costs or 7 days H. L. 2/6 and costs or 1 day „	Paid Paid
	1*	Neglect to send Yaws patient to Hospital	1			
	7		5	2		
III	1	Witholding wages	...	1	To pay wages, 5/-, and costs, 4/-	Paid
	1	Assault	...	1	Fined 15/- and 4/- costs	Paid
	1	Neglect to pay for extra work	...	1	£1	Paid
	2	Neglect to provide gardens	1	1	£1	Paid
	1	Neglect to repair dwelling	...	1	£1	Paid
	6		1	5		
Total...	13		6	7		

* Brought by Protector of Immigrants.

N.

STATEMENT of the Rates of Wages, Price of Food, and other matters affecting the condition of the Indian Immigrants in this Colony for the year 1892.

WAGES—BY TIME.

Men receive	... ...	... 1 shilling per day of 9 hours.
Women „	... ...	... 10 pence „ „ „ „

BY TASK.

Holing done by men	from 100 to 175 holes	...	... 1 shilling.
Cross Holing „	„ 80 to 250 „	...	... 1 „
Hoe ploughing „	„ 150 to 250 „	...	... 1 „
Weeding „	„ 80 to 300 „	...	... 1 „
„ women	„ 70 to 260 „	...	... 10 pence.
Hauling trash (men)	150 to 300 ...	...	... 1 shilling.
„ (women)	120 to 250 ...	...	... 10 pence.
Stripping trash (men)	200 to 500 ...	...	... 1 shilling.
„ (women)	160 to 300 ...	...	... 10 pence.
Cutting Canes (men)	175 to 300 ...	...	... 1 shilling.
Filling Waggons with canes (men)		...	... 6*d.* to 8*d.* a waggon

The size of the task varies according as the soil is light or heavy; according as fields have few or many weeds; according as there are few or many canes in a stool. The strong and active women frequently take the same task as the men, and get a shilling. Children earn 3*d.* to 6d. a day, Minors earn 9*d.* to 1/- a day.

It is not uncommon for strong men to finish one and a half, or even two tasks a day.

Men attending the mill receive a special extra for breakfast hour; so do the women.

Dwellings—Free of charge.

Gardens—Every adult has a right to the use of ¼ acre of land.

Doctors—A medical officer visits the Estates in his district twice a month.

Hospitals—Each district has its Hospital, to which immigrants are admitted free of charge.

Medicines—are likewise free, when Immigrants are treated on their Estates.

FOOD.

Prices—Fish. Salted Cod 3*d.* to 4*d.* a lb. Pickled Herrings 2*d.* a lb.

„ Fresh, 4*d.* to 6*d*, a lb.

Beef 7*d.*, Mutton 8*d.*, Pork 8*d.*, a lb.

Poultry 9*d.* a lb.

Rice 2*d.*, Wheat Flour 2½*d.* a lb.

Farine (Manioc) (Cassava flour) 1¼*d.* a lb.

Wheaten Bread 2½*d.* a lb.

Vegetables 1*d.* a lb.

Olive Oil 6*d.* a pint.

Butter Coarse, 1/4 a lb.

Sugar, Muscovado, 2*d.* a lb.